IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Mätzler et al.

Application No.: 10/535,694

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For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF

A SCREW, AND SCREW PRODUCED ACCORDING TO SAID METHOD

Group: 3677

Examiner: Flemming Saether

Our File: SFS-PT061

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Date: April 13, 2007

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

MailStop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2006 [Paper No. 20061210]. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is also being submitted herewith.

Please amend the application as noted in detail below.